

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1.-8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.
- 10.-15. (Canceled)
16. (Currently Amended) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer in combination with insulin, wherein the insulin sensitizer is selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;  
  
wherein said acidosis is diabetic acidosis or acidosis caused by ~~a biguanide~~ metformin.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently Amended) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;  
  
wherein said acidosis is diabetic acidosis or acidosis caused by ~~a biguanide~~ metformin.
- 19.-23. (Canceled)
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.
- 25.-30. (Canceled)